**Activity report**

Site:Basona woreda PA: Goshe Bado Kebele

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**Field activity- Field day together with mid-season field evaluation**

What were the objectives of the activity **(Please explain the activity and why it was held)**?

**This activity is done with the aim of evaluating the different field trials of Africa RISING project at Goshe Bado Kebele. This includes demonstrations and adaptation research being done on PVS (participatory variety selection) and community seed multiplication on different food and cash crops, pulses (fababean), potato and fodder plants.**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP technical group members and ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 26 |
| Number of female farmers | 12 |
| Number of research organizations (Local and International) | 3 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Zonal Woreda or kebele offices) | 4 |
| Number of NGOs | 1 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 9 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. farmer organizations, women group, youth group etc.) | 2 |

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 13 |
| Number of female farmers | 8 |
| Number of research organizations (Local and International) | 3 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Zonal Woreda or kebele offices) | 4 |
| Number of NGOs | 1 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 6 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. farmer organizations, women group, youth group etc.) | 2 |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**The activity was organized to showcase the different filed trials on a number of protocols from different CG centers on crops, fodder, trees (for NRM and fodder) and high value fruits for participating and non-participating farmers and local stakeholders. Based on the criteria set by farmers and experts mid-season evaluation was also conducted for male and female farmer groups to see which varieties/experiments are performing well while standing on the field.**

* **Farmers’ participation in the whole process of the evaluation was a good aspect of the event**
* **Low level of local partner’s participation and time constraint to visit all fields was a drawback**
* **Fababean disease seriously heat the experiment plots and affected the evaluation process**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **Better follow up trials both by researchers and farmers as some experiment plots were not in good shape**
* **Plan for end season evaluation and communicate local partners well in advance to insure maximum presence.**